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1. On 7-10 April 1955, [redacted] three MIG-15 FALCON-type aircraft and three Soviet pilots on the Tirana airfield. [redacted] these planes in flight over Tirana. About 15 single-engine, single-seater planes and 5 two-seater biplanes were also seen on the Tirana airfield. [redacted] 25X1
2. [redacted] about 10 jet planes (type not specified) have arrived in Albania with Soviet pilots who will stay in Tirana for six months to train Albanian pilots in handling jet planes. [redacted] jet planes, capable of flying at speeds up to 1300 kilometers per hour, arrived in Albania by sea in February 1955. 25X1
3. In early April an Anti-Aircraft Defense Directorate was organized in Tirana and headed by Major General Gjini Marku, who was formerly Commanding Officer of the Elbasan Corps. The Directorate will include anti-aircraft artillery units; aircraft detection units, including radar; and elements from the air force. 25X1
4. Since mid-March 1955, an unidentified anti-aircraft regiment in Tirana has been equipped with ten radar units, six of which are located at the Tirana airfield. These radar units are of three types, each with a different range. One type has a 500 kilometer range, a second type unit has a 30 kilometer [redacted] 25X1

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range and the range on the third type unit has not been specified. Each of the radar units is mounted on a Zis truck. In March 1955, four Soviet officers and eight enlisted men, were attached to this anti-aircraft regiment in Tirana for five months to train Albanian radar operators.

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1. Comment: General Marku is Commandant of the Enver Hoxha Officers School in Tirana. In 1945, General Marku attended the General Staff School at the Voroshilov Academy in the Soviet Union. He completed his studies in 1948 and in June of that year, was appointed Director of Artillery in the Ministry of Defense. In 1949 he was made a major general. In 1950, he was assigned as Director of Combat Training in the Ministry of Defense.

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